

Leckey Mr, The Coroner

From: e sumner [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2003 12:03
To: jleckey [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: thanks

Dear John - I will finalise my report this week and send it to you. In my opinion and after discussion with Dr Hicks - I think we are agreed that no one will ever know the exact reasons for the onset of the seizures. Conor was epileptic and something must have sparked the renewed activity - a systemic infection, perhaps a rate of fluids that was too fast for Conor, perhaps the vomiting meant he didn't absorb his anti-epileptic drugs (possibly the most likely contributing factor)

I was impressed with Dr Hicks and though unable to be totally objective, i would have thought she could give an opinion.

All the best - Ted

— Original Message —

From: jleckey [REDACTED]
To: es [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2003 12:12 PM
Subject: RE: thanks

Dear Ted,

Thank you for your draft report which I read with great interest. Please send me a signed and dated copy and please incorporate in it your opinion as to how the cause of death should be formulated for death certification purposes. Also, as you were unable to reach a conclusion as to the cause of the seizure activity do you think I should seek any other expert opinion eg a neurologist? As soon as I receive your report I will circulate copies to those concerned including the family. The holding of an inquest seems unavoidable but the hearing will not take place until the New Year.

So far as Lucy Crawford is concerned I am awaiting further statements from medical staff.

Best wishes,

John

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From: e sumner [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 November 2003 11:09
To: jleckey [REDACTED]
Subject: thanks

Dear John - I have now had an opportunity to discuss with Dr Hicks the possible causation of the cerebral oedema which led to Conor Mitchell's death. I have modified my report, but which should still be used as a draft and I attach the new version. If you approve I can send you a signed and dated copy.

I also received the postmortem report on Lucy Crawford which I note. What is happening with that case?
All the best - Ted

24/11/2003